



CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2011, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL – White, Alger, Stull, Tome, Smith – present; Bowie - absent

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Staff working to correct sound system problems in Council room. Veterans Day wrap-up meeting held to critique event. City will be closed Thursday and Friday to celebrate Thanksgiving and Employee Appreciation Day. December meetings will be held on December 13th and 20th. Public Works dealing with a large water leak on West End.

CITIZENS' FORUM

CONSENT AGENDA

No comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to Reconsider Agenda Items Discussion

Mayor – This issue being brought up to establish a policy for how Council will handle reconsiderations in the future. The issue was discussed at length during prior meeting.

Tome – Does not like the use of the words “routine” or “frequent” in regards to reconsiderations. Cannot remember a time since she’s been a Council Member where an issue was reconsidered.

Mayor – Believes a legislative body should discuss votes prior to voting and should stand behind that vote.

Smith – This policy draft doesn’t identify reasons for reconsideration. If circumstances change, he can understand the need for allowing reconsideration. If nothing has changed, doesn’t see the need for reconsidering.

Mayor – Council cannot revisit decisions already made without new information. Council Members have the responsibility to get the facts prior to voting.

Tome – Believes Council Members’ thinking was flawed during the vote to be reconsidered, so

that would be grounds for a reconsideration.

Mayor – If there are uncertainties at the time of a vote, the issue should be tabled for a future meeting until more information can be obtained.

Alger – Doesn't like language in draft policy regarding two week turn around for reconsiderations. Feels this timeframe should be extended.

Tome – Is okay with two week timeframe.

Smith – Would like to make timeframe 30 days instead.

Motion to table this issue for future meeting – Tome

2nd – White

Vote 4-1 (Stull against)

Traffic Control Request – Handicap Space – 403 Brunswick Street Reconsideration

Tom White, 403 Brunswick Street – Apologizes for not attending first meeting that this issue was discussed at. Thinks questions could have been alleviated if they would have attended. He can understand how reconsiderations are difficult and appreciates the consideration from the Council. The curb height is somewhat high and prevents passenger door on vehicle from opening, plus the gutter is a hindrance in the area as well.

Motion to install sign at 403 Brunswick Street – Tome

2nd – White

Smith – Agrees that the drop on Dayton Avenue is extreme and no one showed up in opposition to this request.

Vote 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Traffic Control Request – Handicap Space – 26 East D Street

Linda Smith, 26 East D Street – Driveway at this residence leads to basement entrance. She cannot handle stairs well, therefore, doesn't use the driveway for parking. Would prefer a space in front of home. Some neighbors park in front of her house, blocking space where she could park for easy access into her residence.

Smith – Typically, Council doesn't grant handicap spaces to residents with off street parking.

Samual Smith, 26 East D Street – Wife cannot navigate stairs well and handicap daughter lives in house as well.

Motion to deny – Smith

2nd – Tome

Vote 5-0

Traffic Control Request – Handicap Space Removal – Bottom of Virginia Avenue on East Side
of Street, Closest to Potomac Street

Space not being used per neighbors on street.

Motion to remove – Tome

2nd – Stull

Vote 5-0

EDC Commission Appointment – Ellis Burruss

Motion to appoint – Tome

2nd – White

Vote 5-0

Mayor swears Ellis in. Ellis reads oath.

EDC Branding Presentation – Christina May

Approved By: _____
Mayor Date

Witnessed By: _____
City Administrator Date